

Broke of the limits



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The main challenge of this proposal is twofold, on the one hand to eliminate the border that generates an underutilized park with little public endowment and the delimitation of the field of the cattle market that is by itself an island difficult to flank, and on the other hand to multiply the number of visitors and citizens to turn the infrastructure into a hub of activity and circulation, making possible the maximum uses and taking advantage of the potential that has that space, respecting the existing uses.

We think that the activity of the cattle market, although it has diminished very significantly, is an activity full of historical wealth and must be maintained to remain part of the essence of Torrelavega. However, the potential of the infrastructure where it is being developed has to serve to all the citizens and visitors of Torrelavega. Therefore we propose a restructuring of the spaces that implies an interpretation of the market as a Great Hangar of activity that absorbs the activity of the city.

In order to do this, a change of image and some actions, done according to a time schedule, must be made taking into account the probable future trends of the city, especially the field of action that reveals the impressive scale of the existing structures, and generates a landscape in its surroundings worthy of harboring activity and being visited.

ACTIONS ON "THE HANGAR"

The market is a building with a unique scale in all the north of Spain, even more because it is located in the center of the city, which makes it a real physical center, with potential to become a center of activity. To reinforce the attention on it and to emphasize its scale and monumentality a series of actions is proposed:

1/total replacement of the existing façades and a partial demolition of some communication cores in order to achieve a "pure" shape that highlights the beauty of an abstract engineering work in contrast to the fluidity of the park's natural space. The new proposed façade has to emphasize the structural rhythm with prefabricated panels that embrace the pillars, and in an economically modest way to send a message to the person who observes the permeability inside outside, as an element that can be traversed at will to profit what it offers. That is a real difference with the existing façade that makes the building an opaque box outside the city. The closing of the façade is completed with glasses placed in the inner bundle so that they do not suppose an interruption to the generated rhythm.

2/The only façade that will remain in its present state will be the East one, where cattle market activity will continue to be developed, as a symbol of respect for the history of the building and Torrelavega. For this façade will be place a new lighting. So that it stands out as a "modern ruin" in the midst of the new planning of the field.

3/ Demolition of the existing office building. This building was built after the nave as a necessity for the large amount of affluence that at that time generated the activity. Today it is in need of a radical reform, and generates a distortion in the importance of the cattle market as an icon that has to communicate south and north with the same language. Therefore, due to the urban and economic cost that would have to reform it and the collision that would generate with this new proposal, we have opted for its demolition, gaining its space for the city, and recovering its buildability in the own hangar, in the ground floor, and in the interior flights of the slabs/ galleries to give access to different uses.

